

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



Hi Friends,

Well, the groundhog wasn't lying, was he? I hope this finds you well - warm and safe.

HCCF is celebrating our 25th Anniversary as a county-wide organization in 2021. You'll be hearing much more about our silver celebration as the year progresses. We are honoring those generous people who gave of themselves to found the Greater Plainfield Community Foundation (1993), which became the White Lick Heritage Community Foundation (1996), which became the Hendricks County Community Foundation (2005). Our thanks go out to those visionaries - especially Deedee Daniel, our founding Executive Director. It is my honor to follow in her oversized footsteps.

While we are still in the midst of the pandemic, we're seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Vaccines are being administered in our community, case are going down, and we hope by summer we'll be starting to return to normal. We are making plans for many activities in the second half of the year. A number of these plans center on our Community Unity grant work. You'll be hearing more about this too.

I'm also excited to announce a new feature in our monthly news: "Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County." Be sure to check out our favorite community happenings below.

Please stay safe, and thank you for being the best part of Hendricks County!



Yours in philanthropy,
[William Rhodehamel](#)
President & CEO

Largest Operating Endowment Gift Ever

Last month an anonymous donor gave **\$340,000** from their donor advised fund to the HCCF Operating Endowment Fund, the largest gift our operating has ever received! This gift will be invested and the earnings will help support the work of HCCF in this community forever.



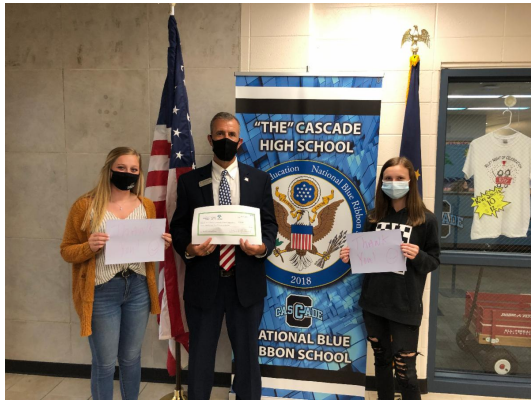
Give to [HCCF's Operating Endowment](#) and partner with us in making Hendricks County a vibrant, giving community for years to come!

COVID Phase 3 Grants

Phase 3 COVID response grants, approved by the HCCF Board of Directors in December 2020, provided **\$40,000** (\$10,000 each) to four local nonprofits: Family Promise of Hendricks County, the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition, Hendricks County Senior Services, and WorkOne. These grants were designed to support areas of need in our community still impacted by the coronavirus, including food insecurity, homelessness, support for seniors, and unemployment. Read more [here](#).



Because of generous donors, both individuals and organizations, the Community Foundation has been able to provide grants of over \$575,000 to support our community in dealing with the difficulties of COVID-19.



Cascade High School, Mill Creek Community School Corp.

Grants for the Day-to-Day

HCCF awarded **\$191,848** in grants this month to organizations in every corner of Hendricks County to support education, agriculture, health and human services, parks and recreation, senior services and more! These grants were made by our Designated Funds, funds established by donors with a passion to support an organization important to them. These funds make grants every year to an organization chosen by the donor and provide essential operational support that allows them to better serve our community.

Here is just a small sample of these impactful grants:

- Avon-Washington Township Public Library Fund: \$3,618 to support the [Avon Library](#)
- Comer Family Leadership Fund: \$1,977 to [Leadership Hendricks County](#)
- Jackie Eggers Memorial Fund for Children: \$2,278 to [Mill Creek Community School Corp.](#)
- Glen & Mildred Harlos Fund: \$44,513 to Parks Foundation of Hendricks County for support of [McCloud Park](#)
- Sycamore Services/Hendricks County ARC Fund: \$3,056 to [Sycamore Services](#) for general operating

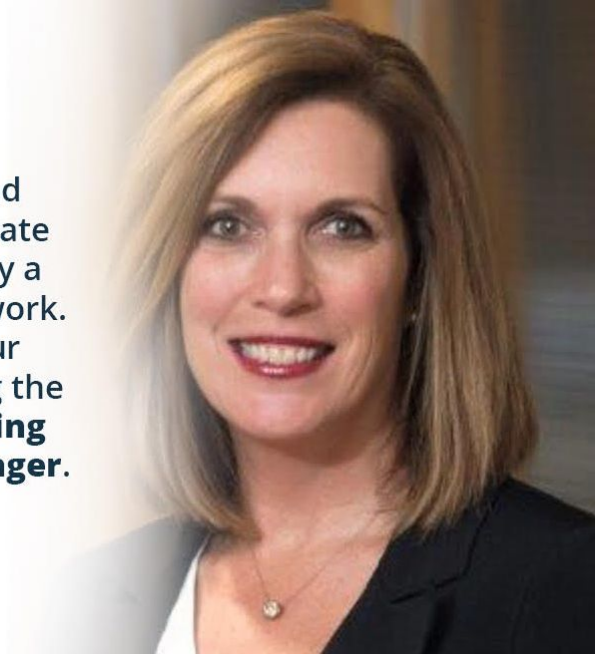
Do you want to make a difference by supporting an organization you care about? [Contact us](#) today about starting a Designated Fund that will give back to your chosen organization every year!

A Board to Brag About

Sherri Reagin has served on the HCCF Board of Directors for 4 years, and is the CFO at North Salem State Bank. See what Sherri has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation.

“The Hendricks County Community Foundation empowers individuals and organizations to collaborate and make our community a better place to live and work. I am passionate about our mission and enjoy seeing the impact HCCF has in **making Hendricks County stronger**. Together we can do great things!”

- Sherri Reagin



Click [here](#) to see a full listing of the HCCF Board of Directors.

[Memorial](#) and [honorary](#) gifts are a special way to keep your loved one's memory alive or honor a special person. Check out the listings updated quarterly on our website of all those who gave memorial and honorary gifts to HCCF.

Community Connections



Douglas Randell

HCCF is committed to building community unity and creating a welcoming community for all our residents. Every month we are spotlighting community leaders who help make Hendricks County a great place to live, work and play.

This month we want to introduce you to Douglas Randell, who was featured recently in the "Raising Black Voices" video series produced by the [Hendricks County Alliance for Diversity](#) (HCAD), a fund of the Community Foundation.

Doug believes that one of the reasons he is here in Hendricks County is to engage with those who think and look differently than him, and to bring a different perspective to the table. Thank you for sharing your story Douglas!

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Even though it is cold and stark outside, there are a lot of great things going on in our county! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community.



#1: Congrats to Monica Miller for her new position as Executive Director of [Leadership Hendricks County!](#)



#2: Congrats to Stephanie Singh, Director of Communications and Marketing for the Town of Plainfield, for being a finalist for [United Way of Central Indiana's ELEVATE Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advocate of the Year Award!](#)



#3: Do you want to know when you qualify for the COVID vaccine? You can find all the information you need about the COVID vaccine in Hendricks County right [here](#).



#4: Click [here](#) to access FREE tax filing services through [VITA](#), sponsored by United Way of Central Indiana and [Family Promise of Hendricks County](#).



#5: Are you feeling a bit of cabin fever? [Level Two](#) has a great solution for the winter blues! They are partnering with 3 Plainfield businesses to bring fun virtual experiences to you at home. Check them out [here](#).

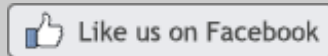
Stay COVID Safe: Wash your hands, wear a mask, physically distance and get your vaccine!

Did you know that Kroger Community Rewards Program allows customers to select a charity of their choice to receive a percentage of all their purchases? You would be surprised at how those dollars can add up! Visit the [Kroger Community Reward website](#) and select the Hendricks County Community Foundation (Org. # JY399) as your nonprofit of choice and support HCCF every time you buy groceries!



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